

2009 City of Wichita Proposed Legislative Agenda

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Wichita City Council Workshop



PROCESS

- Solicitation of department ideas
- Work with Visioneering , REAP
- Workshop with Council (solicit, affirm suggested issues)
- Final approval by Council (Dec. 2)
- On-going Council involvement in legislative process (Jan.-April)

Presentation Categories

- Community agenda
- Department proposals
- Issue monitoring

Community Agenda

- Visioneering (2008, possible new issues)
 - 1) Affordable Airfares
 - 2) ASR funding
 - 3) Technical education (NIAR, NCAT)
 - 4) WCGME (Medical education)
 - 5) Kansas Small Business Development
 - 6) Nursing program expansion
- REAP: Agenda process underway

COMMUNITY AGENDA

Comprehensive Transportation Plan

- The City of Wichita encourages the Kansas Legislature to create a new statewide Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).

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- The City of Wichita also is supportive of the regional transportation agendas of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) and the South-Central Kansas Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP).

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- As evidence of the need for a CTP, the City of Wichita provides an agenda of local transportation needs that could benefit from a statewide program.

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STRATEGY: Support legislative effort to create CTP, provide attached list of COW transportation issues, work with regional partners to ensure positive outcome for south-central Kansas.

Department Proposals

Water Utilities

ASR project funding

ISSUE: Request for second-year \$1 million in support of Aquifer Storage Recharge project

STRATEGY: Support Kansas Water Authority budget request to the Governor .
No position on proposed Water Fund fee increases

Water Utilities

Rural Water District compensation

ISSUE: No effective conflict resolution when municipalities seek to extend urban density development into RWD territory

STRATEGY: Monitor legislative hearings, continue advocacy through REAP Water Resources Committee

City Manager's Office

Arts & Cultural Programming

Entertainment District Overlay

ISSUE: Liquor prohibited on public streets and ROW. Prescribed districts want option to allow pedestrians to carry liquor anywhere within the district, including public streets and ROW.

STRATEGY: Introduce enacting legislation

Library

- 1) Stable funding, local control
- 2) Monitor budget process for statewide library issues.

Wichita Police Department

Motorcycle impoundment

ISSUE: Safety hazard created by operation of motorcycles by unlicensed drivers.

11 motorcycle fatalities 2006-2008

5 involved unlicensed operator

458 motorcycle accidents 2006-2008

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STRATEGY: Introduce legislation to allow impoundment of motorcycles if operated by unlicensed driver.

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Traffic Safety Corridor

ISSUE: Certain segments of highways have very high accident, safety issues. Designation as a TSC would allow tougher enforcement measures. Double fines without diversion, create a TSC safety fund.

STRATEGY: Introduce legislation, enlist support of KDOT

Wichita Fire Department

Toy lighters

ISSUE: Cigarette lighters resembling small toys present a safety hazard when in the hands of children.

STRATEGY: Introduce legislation to ban possession, sale or use of novelty lighters ; require display of all lighters out of reach of children .

ISSUES TO MONITOR

RICO legislation

STATUS: State legislation may be introduced that would mirror federal RICO statutes and enhance prosecution opportunities to fight gang activities. WPD will evaluate and recommend City of Wichita position.

ISSUES TO MONITOR

Kansas Sports Hall of Fame

KSHOF may seek state funding to sustain operation. COW has vested interest because of Public Building Commission ownership of building and associated bond obligations.

ISSUES TO MONITOR

- Energy
- LAVTR
- Eminent Domain
- Home Rule
- Casino revenue distribution
- Annexation
- LKM agenda